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Vurnetha Bitoy
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Dear Ms. Bitoy:

This is in response to your written inquiry dated March 10, 2002.

From a CPT coding perspective, based upon review of the information submitted with your inquiry and according to comments from our physician advisor, there is not a specific CPT code that accurately describes cardiac output measurements as performed by this device. Therefore, **93799 Unlisted cardiovascular service or procedure** should be used to report this procedure.

When reporting an unlisted code to describe a procedure or service, it will be necessary to submit supporting documentation (e.g., procedure report) along with the claim to provide an adequate description of the nature, extent, need for the procedure, and the time, effort and equipment necessary to provide the service.

Thank you for your inquiry. I hope this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lianne Stancik".

Lianne Stancik, RHIT
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